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SUBJECT: US-CANADA ANTI-TRUST TALKS

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GOC INTENTIONS AT FEBRUARY 23 MEETING IN WASHINGTON FROM STANFORD, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMODITY RELATIONS AT EXTAFF.

2. STANFORD SAID GOC HAD CONCLUDED IT HAD NOT YET SUCCESSFULLY COMMUNICATED ALL OF ITS VIEWS ON POLICY BACKDROP AGAINST WHICH DISCUSSION OF LEGAL ISSUES WOULD TAKE PLACE. MOREOVER, GOC INTENDED TO SEEK CLARIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FROM U.S. ABOUT USE OF GOC RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. ASSUMING TWO-PART MEETING FEBRUARY 23 RESULTED IN COMMON APPRECIATION OF POLICY PROBLEMS AND AGREEMENT ON HANDLING OF GOC RESPONSES, CABINET APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF RESPONSES TO USG WOULD BE SOUGHT.

3. STANFORD ACKNOWLEDGED GOC WAS AWARE, THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OF U.S. SCEPTICISM ABOUT USEFULNESS OF ANOTHER POLICY-LEVEL MEETING AND AGREED WITH NEED FOR MORE RAPID PROGRESS ON SPECIFICS. HE SAID REPLY TO U.S. INTERROGATORY WAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE AND EXPECTED THAT
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IT COULD BE TURNED OVER WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF NEXT MEETING, ASSUMING ALL WENT WELL.

4. STANFORD SAID INSTRUCTION TO CANADIAN EMBASSY ON INFORMING USG OF POLICY POINTS GOC WISHED TO DISCUSS WAS BEING CLEARED AND PROBABLY WOULD BE SENT BEFORE WEEKEND. NOTING THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE AN ANNOTATED

AGENDA FOR MEETING, STANFORD INDICATED GOC TEAM WOULD WANT
TO:

--REVIEW PROBABLE GRAND JURY SCHEDULE;

--EXPLORE IMPLICATIONS FOR URANIUM CASE OF PAST U.S.
STATEMENTS ABOUT TAKING FOREIGN INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT IN
ANTI-TRUST MATTERS WITH EXTRATERRITORIAL ASPECTS;

--DISCUSS RESPECTIVE UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT PURPOSE AND
SCOPE OF CURRENT TALKS;

--ESTABLISH BASIS FOR RELEASE OF GOC RESPONSES TO U.S.
QUESTIONS.

5. STANFORD STRESSED INFORMATION HE PROVIDED WAS PRE-
LIMINARY AND U.S. REACTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO PRE-
SENTATION TO BE MADE BY CANADIAN EMBASSY. ENDERS

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